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nese.

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The reported rupture between His Excellency Li Hung-chang, Viceroy of Chihli, and the Imperial Government is fully contradicted by the Tientsin correspondent of the N. C. Daily News. He does not, however, deny that the Government of Peking are annoyed at the persistence with which the Viceroy has urged the maintenance of a pacific policy towards Russia. The Imperial Council of State are as yet unable, it seems, to grasp the fact that the arms and munitions of war acquired by China during the last few years do not necessarily place her on terms of equality in strength with Western Powers. They know that vast sums have been spent upon the purchase of gunboats, guns and torpedoes, that extensive arsenals have been established, that the troops have been armed with new and improved rifles, and that many of them have been drilled by European instructors, and they think that all this expenditure should result in placing the Emperor's soldiers in a position to meet and cope with any foreign enemy. When, therefore, His Excellency Li looks freezing upon the forces of China and calls them insufficient to grapple with Russia, it is hardly surprising that his colleagues at Peking are somewhat impatient. They know little of the deficiencies in their army, and are ready to believe that, given a good supply of modern arms and munitions of war, with an almost inexhaustible quantity of the raw material out of which soldiers are fashioned, there should be no great disparity between China and her enemy, even if the former has not actually the advantage on her side. Our Shanghai contemporary's Tientsin correspondent asserts very plainly that Colonel Gordon utterly failed to induce the Tsung-lu Yamen to adopt a more peaceful attitude. But whatever may have been the result of the gallant Colonel's visit to the capital, the news we have recently received from

the North is of a more hopeful character. Whether it is considered that the prospects of the Marquis Tsuho succeeding in his negotiations at St. Petersburg are improved, or whether that functionary has privately received instructions to concede all that is necessary to ensure a pacific solution of the difficulty between the two countries, we are unable to say. Certain it is, however, that among the natives a more sanguine view of the position is taken than was formerly adopted. At the same time preparations for war are being pushed on, for fear of eventualities, and it must be conceded that the situation is still very uncertain. In fact, until the result of the negotiations undertaken by the Marquis Tsuho is known, it will be impossible to say that the danger of war has passed over. We can only hope that the Marquis will be met in a spirit of concession by the Russian Ministers, and that they will not manifest a desire to push matters too far. The Russian Government know that they are better prepared for the conflict, and it may suit their purpose to provoke it. Had Lord Beaconsfield remained in power until now they might have found it prudent, for their own sake, to meet China half way and patch up the present quarrel as best they could. But circumstances alter cases, and they may not unreasonably conclude that the Government, which is in such a terrible hurry to retire from Cathay at the sacrifice of the national prestige, if not the honour of England, will not be ready to accord China anything but the strictest neutrality in any war in which she may engage; and would hardly be likely to arrest the hand of the spoiler, if, after conquest, he stretched it forth to grasp a few rich provinces as the lawful prize of victory.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the
Customs Gazette for the April-June quarter of
1880.

The P. and O. steamer *Khione*, with the next
outward English mail, left Singapore for this
port at 5 p.m. on the 13th inst.

The delivery of the French and American mails
was begun at 10.35 yesterday morning. The
French mail was landed at 3 o'clock and the
American at 9.

A concert in aid of the funds of the Saturday
evening entertainments will be given by ladies
and gentlemen of the Colony, in the Recreation
R. on North Barracks, this evening at nine
o'clock.

The encampment of British soldiers and marines
from the Corfeon & B. Regiments at Kowloon last
week was made, we are informed, without permission
from either the Civil or Naval Authorities here.

The Italian Opera Company was announced in
the *Standard* Times to have come to Saigon for
the duration of that Colony having offered
them a large subsidy, but they have, we learn,
gone to Batavia.

The Saigon Journal says it is in a position to
state that the difficulties raised by the ill-tempered
of the Emperor Tzu-Die have been entirely
overcome, and still remain some obscure
points regarding Tientsin of which it is impos-
sible to furnish the least. The Treaties with Austria
it says, were always as a screen for their diplo-
matic policy.

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TORTURES IN NEW CALEDONIA.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the committee of inquiry into the treatment of prisoners in New Caledonia continues to allow extraordinary accounts of the punishments inflicted on the convicts. M. Alphonse Tardieu, in his evidence on Wednesday, gave a dreadful description of the brutality of the officials. One of the milder forms of punishment consists in shutting up naked men in a space intended only for three, so that the culprits there all night with water to the culprits of their legs. The other thousands are of their legs. The other thousands are punished for having made complaints from the prison to the officials. Imprecations to be without light and air is also reported to have been inflicted on the prisoners. The food is so quickly produced that he is kept in chains water is given him in one of his hands, and when the other is given him, no cup is allowed; and when the two hands are mixed, a ration of wine and soup is given. The water is mixed. When wine is given, it is always bad, being rendered sour by the climate, and not even fit to drink with great violence, and with slight prodding, and the convicts are often put in iron for being ill. Perhaps the most agonising torture is that of hanging a convict by the legs, and leaving him to the mercy of the mosquitoes. M. Que was treated in this manner, and M. Humbert stated that the officers make no scruple of using their revolvers, and that on one occasion ordered five bullet holes in the body of a man who had been flogged.

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A Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the Current Local Rates of Premium will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Office.

LEINSTEAD & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1879.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 4th September, 1879.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang, and Manila.

China Traders' Insurance Company Shares—\$1,000 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,075 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 719 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$800 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 138 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$50 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$225 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$225 per share.

Consolidated Dock Company—Par (Nominal).

Chinese—Canton and Macao—Par (Nominal).

Shanghai—Par (Nominal).

Bank—Par (Nominal).

